

**WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
LAW CLERK BOARD**

MINUTES

July 14, 2017

The Law Clerk Board met at the WSBA office on July 14, 2017 for the purpose of a regular Board meeting. Participating Board members were: John Edison, Maureen Wickert, Malena Pinkham, Colin McKean and Ben Phillabaum. WSBA staff Jean McElroy, and Chris Coleman Liaison to the Board also attended.

BOARD BUSINESS

Public Agenda

The Board reviewed the new orientation materials presented by WSBA Staff. The Board approved the new orientation materials. The Board requested to add the Board Member Pair section of the orientation materials. WSBA staff will revise the new orientation materials and will present at the next Board meeting.

The Board reviewed a petition for judicial externship for a Law Clerk. The Board believed this externship would be an excellent opportunity for the clerk and feels the position would be great law experience. The petition for the judicial externship does not comply with APR 6 regulations; the Board does not want to see the clerk miss out on this opportunity. The Board provided feedback for the clerk and requested that the clerk revise the petition and present at the next Board meeting.

Confidential Agenda

- The Board approved the May 12, 2017 meeting minutes.
- The Board approved 4 assistant tutors for two clerks.
- The Board approved 1 new Law Clerk Applicant.
- The Board approved 1 request for leave.
- The Board approved 2 requests for withdrawal.
- The Board approved 4 book titles requested by a clerk :
 - “Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of Injustice and Redemption” Thompson-Cannino, Cotton, Torneo, 2010
 - “Eichmann in Jerusalem: A Report on the Banality of Evil” Hannah Arendt 2006
 - “Assata: An Autobiography” Shakur, Davis 2001
 - “My Own Words” Ginsburg, Harnett, Williams 2016

- The Board approved 4th year studies requested by 6 clerks:
 - “Administrative Law”, “Creditor-Debtor Relations”, “Legal Accounting”, “Personal Federal Income”, “American Indian Law”, “Insurance”.
 - “Administrative Law”, “Remedies”, “International Family Law”, “Alternative Dispute Resolution and Negotiation”, “Trial Preparation/Trial Advocacy”.
 - “Employment Law”, “Remedies”, “Creditor-Debtor Relations”, “Insurance Law”.
 - “Remedies”, “Creditor-Debtor Relations”, “American Indian Law”, “Administrative Law”, “Elder Law”, “Immigration”.
 - “Administrative Law”, “Labor Law”, “Remedies”, “International Law”, “American Indian Law”, “Trial Practicum”.
 - “Insurance”, “Land Use”, “Creditor-Debtor Relations”, “Remedies”, “Environmental Law”, “American Indian Law”.

Evaluations

- The Board conducted five first-year evaluations and approved continuation in the program upon completion of all remaining first year coursework and book reports.
- The Board conducted one fourth-year evaluation and approved successful completion of the program upon submission of all remaining coursework and book reports.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Coleman, RSD Analyst